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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN APPREHENSIONS

1. SIGNIFICANCE OF SYRIAN TALKS WITH PALESTINIANS BEGINNING TO FILTER THROUGH TO THE CHRISTIANS AND IS GIVING SOME OF THEM THE FEELING OF BEING LEFT OUT IN THE COLD.

2. LAST DECEMBER AND JANUARY, DISCUSSIONS ABOUT LEBANON'S FUTURE WERE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE SYRIANS AND THE CHRISTIANS, THE SYRIANS SAYING THAT THEY WOULD ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING THE PALESTINIANS AND THE LEFT ON BOARD. NOW DISCUSSIONS ON THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE SYRIANS AND THE PALESTINIANS, WITH THE SYRIANS APPARENTLY AGREEING TO GET THE CHRISTIANS ON BOARD.

3. ABOVE EXPLAINS TO SOME EXTENT WHY CHAMOUN IS DRAGGING HIS FEET AND WHY FRANGIE SENT AN ENVOY TO DAMASCUS TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE OLD SYRIAN COMMITMENT TO GUARANTEE THE CAIRO AGREEMENT. WITH SYRIAN FORCES APPARENTLY PLANNING TO PLAY A LESSER SECURITY ROLE IN LEBANON THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED, AND WITH THE PALESTINIANS A GREATER ROLE, YOU CAN REALLY ASK HOW SYRIA CAN KEEP ITS ORIGINAL COMMITMENT TO THE CHRISTIANS RE THIS AGREEMENT--IF IT EVER INTENDED TO DO SO IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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